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SUBJECT: CARTER/FUKUDA BILATERAL: SIDETALKS

1. MITI'S KURODA, VISITING WASHINGTON AS PART OF JAPANESE
STEEL DELEGATION, SUGGESTED TO BARREDA THAT BOTH SIDES TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S VISIT TO HAVE SERIOUS
DISCUSSIONS ON PARAMETERS OF A TARIFF AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S.
AND JAPAN.

2. KURODA SAID MITI DIRECTOR GENERAL YANO FEELS HE IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING PARAGRAPH SIX OF STRAUSS-
USHIBA COMMUNIQUE. HE WILL BE TRAVELING WITH PRIME MINISTER
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FUKUDA AND WOULD LIKE TO USE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH U.S.
SIDE ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, TO EXPLORE, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS,
WHAT ARE REAL NEEDS OF U.S.AND TO HINT
WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR JAPAN. HE WOULD ALSO INDICATE
WHAT JAPAN NEEDS. KURODA ALSO SUGGESTED,THAT IF U.S.
THOUGHT IT WORTHWHILE, KURODA AND UDAGAWA (WHO WOULD COME
FROM TOKYO FOR MEETING) COULD HAVE MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS

ON REQUEST LISTS ON PREVIOUS DAY (MONDAY, MAY 1). KURODA SAID JAPAN WOULD LIKE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ON TARIFFS IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF POSSIBLE JAPANESE WILLINGNESS TO MOVE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD. WE ARE THEREFORE ACCEPTING JAPANESE SUGGESTION AND ARE SETTING UP MONDAY AND TUESDAY MEETINGS. SINCE MENAMARA HAS BEEN HANDLING DETAILED TARIFF DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTH WHILE IF HE COME TO WASHINGTON FOR MAY 1-2 TALKS. VANCE

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